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§ 12. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular meeting of the Club was held at the Herbarium, Columbia College, Tuesday evening, December 14th, the President in the chair, and sixteen members and five visitors present.

Dr. T. F. Allen presented to the Club's herbarium Fasc. I. of *Characeae Americanae Exsiccatae*, and made a few remarks on the structure, classification, and past and present history of this order of cryptogams.

Dr. T. F. Lucy remarked on a few New York plant-stations. In Gray's Manual it is stated that *Hydrangea arborescens*, L., grows on "rocky banks, New Jersey to Illinois and southward," but Dr. Lucy had found it at two stations in the town of Ashland, Chemung County, New York, one of these being rocks at the Wellsburg Suspension Bridge, and the other a cool ravine called "Hog Hollow," at a mile or a mile and a half west, on the north bank of the Chemung River. He had also detected in 1879 two specimens of *Platanthera Hookeri*, Torr., on the top of Sullivan Hill, in the same township and county.

The President exhibited a series of beautiful thin sections of sili-cified tree ferns and conifers, remarked upon their structure, and pointed out the difference between these and some of their representatives of the present day.

*Heterophylly.*—Mr. Britton showed specimens of *Desmodium paniculatum*, D. C., in which, while some of the leaflets were of the normal lanceolate form, others were orbicular like those of *D. rotundifolium*, D.C.

*The Herbarium.*—The Chairman of the Herbarium Committee reported that 650 specimens of plants had recently been mounted and properly arranged in the case.

On motion, the President appointed a committee of three to prepare a ticket containing the names of officers and committees to be balloted for at the annual meeting in January.

§ 13. **Necrology.**—We regret to announce to our readers the death, on the 4th inst., at his residence in West Farms, New York, of Prof. Alphonso Wood, whose name is widely known throughout the United States, not only in connection with his text books on Botany, but also from his extensive and genial correspondence with lovers of his favorite study. Prof. Wood was an old and valued member of the Torrey Botanical Club, whose meetings he seldom missed, and to whose members he had endeared himself by his kindness and his amiability of character. A more extended notice will appear hereafter.

We regret, also, to learn of the death of Dr. S. B. Mead, which occurred at his residence in Augusta, Illinois, Nov. 11th, 1880.